

**Claims**

What is claimed is:

1. A paint roller comprising:

a paint applicator having a cylindrical outer surface and two  
opposite ends;

and

two holder mounts, respectively associated with said two opposite  
ends, each of said holder mounts having a base surface and  
comprising:

a journal, protruding from said base surface in a direction  
away from said paint applicator, said journal comprising at least  
one holder abutment, each of said at least one holder abutment  
having a planar abutment surface substantially aligned on a  
common plane.

2. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 1, wherein total area of said planar  
abutment surface for each of said journal is smaller than an axial cross-  
section of each of said holder mounts.

3. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said journal further  
comprises a cylindrical protrusion.

4. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said at least one holder  
abutment forms a ring surrounding said cylindrical protrusion.

5. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said at least one holder  
abutment forms a plurality of arc-shaped members disposed around said  
cylindrical protrusion.

6. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said cylindrical protrusion forms a channel with an inner wall having at least one circumferential ridge.
- 5 7. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 1, and further comprising an applicator holder having:
- a handle;
  - and
  - a fork having opposite sides, each of said opposite sides having a
- 10 journal engagement portion.
8. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 7, wherein said journal engagement portion comprises a loop for coupling to said journal.
- 15 9. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said loop comprises a mount abutment surface, said mount abutment surface having an area larger than total area of said planar abutment surface for each of said journal.
- 20 10. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 9, wherein said area of said mount abutment surface is smaller than an axial cross-section of each of said holder mounts.
- 25 11. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 7, and further comprising a cover for capping at least one of said holder mounts.
12. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said cover comprises a cylindrical portion having at least one perimeter ridge.

FOOTNOTES

13. A paint roller comprising:

a paint applicator having a cylindrical outer surface and two opposite ends;

two holder mounts, respectively associated with said two opposite ends, each of said holder mounts having a base surface and comprising:

a journal, protruding from said base surface in a direction away from said paint applicator, said journal comprising at least one holder abutment, each of said at least one holder abutment having a planar abutment surface substantially aligned on a common plane;

and

an applicator holder having:

a handle;

and

a fork having opposite sides, each of said opposite sides having a journal engagement portion.

14. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 13, wherein total area of said planar abutment surface for each of said journal is smaller than an axial cross-section of each of said holder mounts.

15. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 13, wherein said journal further comprises a cylindrical protrusion.

16. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 15, wherein said at least one holder abutment forms a ring surrounding said cylindrical protrusion.

17. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 15, wherein said at least one holder abutment forms a plurality of arc-shaped members disposed around said cylindrical protrusion.

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23. The paint roller as claimed in Claim 22, wherein said cover comprises a cylindrical portion having at least one perimeter ridge.